

AN AIRLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS GUARANTEED
RESERVATIONS FOR A PREFERRED CATEGORY OF SEATING

ABSTRACT

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5 An airline reservation system that supports guaranteed
10 reservations for a preferred category of seating. The system
comprises a method for receiving a request for the preferred
category of seating, determining if the preferred category of
seating is available, guaranteeing the preferred category of
seating, and assigning a passenger to a seat within the
15 guaranteed category of seating. Moreover, the passenger can
be reassigned to a different seat within the guaranteed
category of seating in order to accommodate an additional
seating request. Seating arrangements are finalized at a
predetermined time prior to a flight's departure and
passengers are permanently assigned to a seat within their
preferred category of seating.